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THE TURKISH ARMY.
Herr von Wickede, the military correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, contributes to that paper some interesting particulars about the Turkish army. In order, he says, to form an accurate judgment as to the military value of the Sultan's troops, an entirely different standard should be taken from that which is usually applied to a disciplined European army. If we compare a Turkish infantry regiment as regards outward appearance, the macevering power of its soldiers, and the education of its officers, with one of the regiments of any of the great European Powers, we shall find that it is immeasurably inferior. A squad of raw landwehr recruits has a more regular air than the best Turkish battalion of regulars that I have ever seen. On open ground, where good macevering is in these days the most important element of success, the Turkish army would be simply useless against a well disciplined European force.

A single German corps d'armee would beat 100,000 Turkish troops in the open field. But these badly clothed and armed, ill-looking, undersized, slouching Turkish foot soldiers possess many qualities which, under good leadership, would make them equal to the best soldiers in the world. In the first place, their bodily wants are supplied with amazing facility, and their powers of endurance are immense. A cup of black coffee, a small hard biscuit of maize, and a few handfuls of rice boiled in water, suffice for their daily sustenance, and if they get a piece of half-dried mutton once or twice a week in addition, they look upon it as a delicacy. Their dress and equipment are equally simple. If shoes are scarce a whole company marches barefoot; and if there are no cloaks in store, then men remain in their thin jackets without a murmur.

During the last war in the east I saw Turkish battalions which had not received any pay for six months, whose clothing was in rags, and among whom a pair of sound shoes—even among the officers—was a rarity; and yet, though thus wretchedly clad, and yet, in a way which would hardly supply a soldier of Westphalia or Mecklenburg with a breakfast, these men marched for weeks up and down the steep snow-covered mountains of the Balkan, bivouacked in the midst of storms, in snow and in ice, and never grumbled at their fate or shirked their duty. The Turkish soldier never drinks any spirits, he never reasons, executes all his orders obediently and submissively, and regards all his sufferings and dangers as inevitable dispensations of Providence which should be borne without a murmur.

Another of his characteristics is religious fanaticism. Under the influence of this sentiment he shows extraordinary courage and determination, and it is probable that these qualities will be strongly developed in the struggle with the "Christian dogs" of Bosnia and Herzegovina. However a unit we may admire the efficiency of our present German army, it may be doubted whether 20,000 German troops in Herzegovina would do as much as the same number of Turks. If our men had to fight day and night against an indefatigable enemy, in a half-desert country, without pay or sufficient food, badly equipped, marching to the sound of a blaring sun or an icy hail storm, always with a root to their heads, and often without wood or water, their military looks and spirit would soon disappear.

Another very important quality of most Turkish soldiers is an innate sharp-sightedness, an almost instinctive accurate measurement of distances, and the complete absence of nervous excitement. This is the reason why so many of them are either excellent shots or could easily be made so. In the Crimean war the Turkish infantry were for the most part armed with old flint muskets, in so decayed a state that it almost seemed impossible to take aim with them, and yet they shot better than either the English or the French.

This great quality in the Turkish soldiers has also, as I have been assured by several German officers who served in the Turkish army as artillery instructors, considerably facilitated their training as artillerymen. Like most uncivilized nations, many Turks of the lower classes have good hearing as well as good sight. As is the case with the Cossacks, they have a sort of instinct for the little pette guerre, and do excellent service in outpost or patrol duty if they are led by tolerably good officers, which is by no means seldom. On the other hand, most of the Turkish subalterns, and even many staff officers, do not use maps or other scientific appliances, so that in this respect, even for mountain warfare, they would be placed at a great disadvantage in conflict with a well trained European army.

Colored Sisters.

An exchange says: They came near having a row in a colored prayer-meeting at Keytesville a few nights ago. One of the sisters who had a grievance prayed:

"O Lord! look down 'pon Dy resembled children hyar dis ebenin' and moob em wid dy grace. Tetch dyar baris wid de spirit ob dy bounding lub. Build up dar faith so strong dat de debil an' it's possible wid de Redeemer, dar Dou put a little moah sense into ob justified wot ob de yellaw weech what am a ginkin' on de bench preopposite Dy beloved servant."

"What's dat you sayin' to de Lord 'bout me?" asked the weech, rising to a point of order.

Not seeming to notice the interruption the suppliant continued:

"Gib our fool and errin' sister more disputation, O Lord! to see de difference twixt right an' wrong, an' larn de buzzy to have herself in Dy holy sabbathory, 'stead of wigglewim' round like she was swallowed a cork-screw an' 'taminein' dese saked prekins wid unholy winkins at de male an' maskeline proportion ob dis assembled gatherin'. An' O—"

"It's a lie! good Lord, it's a lie?" an' Dou to Dy influent wisdom knows I neber done it!" shouted the traduced member, who had now become nearly wild with rage. "Dar's not one particle of troot in it. It's a lie, an' I can mash de lies!"

With these words she threw herself over the bench on to the back of the kneeling sister, plucked her hands into the bustle of that devout but indiscreet person and lifted her up bodily.

Confusion reigned and dire dismay was in many faces that but a moment before were bright with hope of heaven. But a stalwart deacon finally separated the females, calmed their excited feelings, and addressing the relieved audience in an impressive tone, said:

"Broeders, it am better dat we dwell together in inunity. Less 'peal' to de frone ob grace dat dar be no moah such graceful disruption in our midst. Will Bradder Johnson please make de 'peal' in one ob his powerful prahs?"

And the appeal was well and timely made.

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of the very best quality.

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Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

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Iron, Plough Castings, Nail Rods, Axle Grease, Wagon Materials, House-keepers Goods, &c., &c.
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LADIES' FINE SHOES,

of the very best manufacturers (Edwin C. Burt's and others) which will be sold at prices much lower than they can be bought in any city in the United States. W. B. WADDEY, oct 18

74 King street, Alexandria, Va.

FLOOR STAIN—We have just manufactured

a fresh supply of this article, which has given such great satisfaction to all of our customers who have tried it. In color, it is of a rich dark walnut, and it is prepared all ready for immediate application. Shipped to the country in any quantity desired. Sold by the pint or gallon by

JANNEY & CO. oct 26

BLACK ALPACAS AND MOHAIRS.

By this a. m's. Express.

More of our regular line, thoroughly tested in this market by several years' sales. These goods are unsurpassed in color and finish, and as we buy very largely of them, we offer inducements to purchasers. [uncod] D. F. WITMER CO.

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Also a full line of JEWELRY, MILLINERY, ORNAMENTS and GLOVES.

Also THOMPSON'S GLOVE FITTING and BEST IMPORTED CORSETS.

aug 30

96 King street.

SOAP! SOAP!—B. T. Babbitt's best, Hig-

gins' German Laundry, Tobin's and McDonald's best, Dobbin's Electric, Critch, Crystal Palm, Sunflower, and a variety of other Laundry Soaps; also a full supply of Toilet Soaps in store and for sale low by

W. A. JOHNSON, sep 7

44 corner Pitt and Queen sts.

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It is not poisonous; it is finer in texture; has more body, and is the most brilliant in the world. For sale by

B. F. PEAKE & CO., jy 2

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aug 12

J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

STARCH! STARCH!

Duryea's Satin Gloss, Clement's Unchemical and Fox's Starch, for sale by

W. A. JOHNSON, sep 8

44, cor. Pitt and Queen sts.

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50 barrels CROWN JEWEL SPRING WHEAT FLOUR for sale by

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BLACK ALPACAS AND PURE MO-

HAIR—Just received the best brands at popular prices. Also Black Cashmires; choice goods and very cheap.

D. F. BRASHEAR, sep 14

No. 109 King st.

NOTICE! NOTICE!

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CHIEF'S GERMAN SYRUP—Ague Conquerer. Also some sample bottles.

W. F. CREIGHTON, aug 13

85 King street.

PERSONS wishing a pure COD LIVER OIL

can get it at W. A. JOHNSON, 44 corner Pitt and Queen streets, who gets it direct from the Fulton market fish dealers, in New York. Price 50c per bottle.

jan 20

PATENT MACHINE FOR WORKING BISCUITS.

Call and see, at 88 King street, on the corner of Royal. Something new and desirable.

jy 30

J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

BENSON'S CLERY and CHAMOMIL PILLS.

These Pills are prepared expressly to cure Headache, Neuralgia and Nervousness. For sale by [uncod] WARFIELD & HALL.

aug 13

12 BBL'S RAW and BOILED LINED OIL,

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sep 21

JANNEY & CO.

THORN'S INFALLIBLE OINTMENT, for

the cure of Erysipelas, Scrofula, Tetter, King Worms or any other eruption of the skin just received another supply at

aug 20

WARFIELD & HALL'S.

PARIS GREEN, the popular article for the

just received a large supply direct from the factory. For sale by

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO. jy 4

CADET CLOTH! CADET CLOTH!

We have just received a supply of CADET CLOTH, and can now furnish such at the shortest notice. [uncod] D. F. WITMER CO.

aug 18

FLOOR STAIN—We have just prepared by

a new recipe a supply of a very superior Floor Stain, which we offer to our customers by the pint or gallon at very reasonable rates.

sep 21

JANNEY & CO.

BEAUTIFUL SUGARS for 10 and 11c just

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McBURNIE & SON. sep 21

FRESH NORTHERN BUTTER for sale by

G. W. RAMSAY, oct 8

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74 KING STREET.

BOOTS & SHOES

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The subscriber has now on hand one of the largest and best selected stocks of goods in his line ever offered in this market, which he can afford to sell at prices to suit the times.

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BOOTS & SHOES,

of fine and coarse work, of superior quality to any ever before offered for sale in this market, manufactured from the best material, and in the most durable and stylish manner, comprising a great variety of new and handsome styles.

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All in want will do well to call before purchasing elsewhere.

W. B. WADDEY,

74 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

sep 15

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J. J. TURNER & CO'S.

EXCELSIOR.

The price of this deservedly popular Fertilizer is reduced to

FIFTY DOLLARS PER TON.

In mechanical condition and quality EXCELSIOR is the conceded standard of excellence, and competitive tests for seventeen years have established its superiority for all soils and for all crops. Apply to

aug 14

R. M. LAWSON.

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J. C. & E. MILBURN. jy 15

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We keep constantly on hand the BEST THE MARKET AFFORDS.

All orders promptly attended to by the old established house of

J. H. McLEAN & CO.,

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sep 3-4m

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JANNEY & CO.,

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D. F. BRASHEAR, No. 149 King street, Alexandria, Va. nov 8

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Sole Proprietors and Manufacturers, JANNEY & CO., 145 King st., Alexandria, Va. sep 2

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DRIED SWEET CORN, SPICED SALMON, NEW BUCKWHEAT, GRAHAM FLOUR,

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DAVY & HARMON. nov 1

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